

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Proposal for a

## REGULATION (EEC) OF THE COUNCIL

amending Regulations (EEC) Nos. 2901/74, 2903/74, 2905/74,  
2906/74 and 2907/74 establishing Community supervision of  
imports of certain products originating in the EFTA countries

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

- 1.1 Protocols No. 1 to the agreements between the Community and Austria, Ireland, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland provide that imports of certain products originating in those countries and subject to progressive reductions in customs duties shall, from the entry into force of these Agreements in 1973, be subject to an annual indicative ceiling above which customs duties can be reintroduced.

The Community has accordingly, fixed, under Council regulations, the ceilings applicable in 1973 and 1974 to imports of a number of products. The ceilings applicable in 1975, as from 1 January, were fixed by regulations (EEC) nos. 2901/74, 2903/74, 2905/74, 2906/74 and 2907/74 (1).

- 1.2 However, provision is made in the Protocols No. 1 that, if, for two successive years, imports of a product subject to a ceiling are less than 90% of the level fixed, the Community shall suspend application of this ceiling. The Community totals of amounts set off against the ceilings for 1973 and 1974 show that imports of certain products did not reach 90% in those years. This being so, the Community is obliged to suspend application of the ceilings already fixed for 1975 and to amend the above mentioned regulations accordingly.

- 2.1 In regard to a number of other products originating in the countries in question but not subject to the indicative ceilings although regarded as sensitive, the Community considers it desirable to keep under review the pattern of imports by instituting a statistical surveillance.

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(1) OJ No. L 313, 25.11.1974.

It was felt necessary to know whether the progressive reductions in customs duties provided for in the Agreements referred to in item 1.1. would have the effect of increasing imports in such a way as to cause disturbances on the Community markets in those products.

It was for this reason that a system of Community surveillance of imports was established in 1973 and 1974. It was continued into 1975 under the regulations quoted in item 1.1.

- 2.2. An examination of Community import statistics for 1971/72 and of the Community totals for 1973 and 1974 shows that no anomalies were observed for the majority of products as regards the pattern of imports and that the markets for the products in question bore no signs of disturbance. In these circumstances, the appropriate course is for surveillance of imports of the products in question to be discontinued and for the regulations referred to in item 1.1. to be amended accordingly.
- 3.1. It is submitted that the proposal for the Council regulation annexed hereto be approved, i.e. providing for:
  - suspension of the application of the indicative ceiling to which imports of certain products originating in the EFTA countries are subject;
  - discontinuance of Community surveillance established for imports of a number of other products of the same origin.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic  
Community, and in particular Article 113 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas, pursuant to Protocols No. 1 annexed to the Agreements  
between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria,  
the Republic of Iceland, the Republic of Portugal, the Kingdom of  
Sweden and the Swiss Confederation, the Community has, under Regula-  
tions (EEC) Nos. 2901/74, 2903/74, 2905/74, 2906/74 and 2907/74 (1),  
indicated the indicative ceilings applicable in 1975 to imports of  
certain products originating in those countries; whereas provision is  
also made under Protocols No. 1 to the Agreements that, if, for two  
successive years imports of a product subject to a ceiling are less  
than 90% of the level fixed, the Community shall suspend application  
of this ceiling;

Whereas the Communities' statistical summaries for 1973 and 1974  
show that imports of some of the products in question which are subject  
to ceilings have not reached 90% of the ceilings indicated for those  
years; whereas, therefore, the Community should suspend application

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of the ceilings for those products for 1975; whereas, however, it is desirable to keep under review the development of imports of these products by statistical surveillance; whereas, therefore, the above mentioned Regulations should be amended;

Whereas, for a number of products originating in those countries and not subject to indicative ceilings in 1973 and 1974, the Community had applied Community surveillance in order to keep under review the pattern of imports; whereas the Community has, using the above mentioned Regulations, continued this surveillance for 1975; whereas an examination of the Community import statistics for the years 1971/72 and the Community totals for 1973 and 1974 shows that, in spite of the progressive reductions in customs duties, imports of most of these products have been non-existent or negligible or have not increased abnormally; whereas even in those cases where the increase in imports has been more marked in the past two years, no disturbances have been caused on Community markets; whereas, therefore, it no longer seems necessary to keep under review the development pattern of the imports in question; whereas supervision of imports of the products concerned should be discontinued; whereas, therefore, the Regulations referred to above should be amended accordingly;

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EEC) No. 2901/74 is amended as follows:

1. The information appearing in columns 2, 3, 4 and 5 for Order Nos. IA4, IA9, IA10, IA11 and IA14 shall be deleted.

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2. Annex II to the above mentioned Regulation shall be deleted and replaced by the text appearing in Annex A to this Regulation.

Article 2

Regulation (EEC) No. 2903/74 shall be amended as follows:

1. The information appearing in columns 2,3,4 and 5 for Order No. I ISL 1 in Annex 1 to the above mentioned Regulation shall be deleted.
2. Annex II to the above mentioned Regulation shall be deleted and replaced by the text appearing in Annex B to this Regulation.

Article 3

Regulation (EEC) No. 2905/74 shall be amended as follows:

1. The information appearing in columns 2,3, 4 and 5 for Order Nos. I P 3 and I P 6 in Annex I to the above mentioned Regulation shall be deleted.
2. Annex II to the above mentioned Regulation shall be deleted and replaced by the text appearing in Annex C to this Regulation.

Article 4

Regulation (EEC) No. 2906/74 shall be amended as follows:

1. The information appearing in columns 2,3, 4 and 5 for Order Nos. IS7, IS9, IS17, IS18, IS21, IS22, IS23, IS27, IS29 and IS30 in Annex I to the above mentioned Regulation shall be deleted.
2. Annex II to the above mentioned Regulation shall be deleted and replaced by the text appearing in Annex D to this Regulation.

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Article 5

Regulation (EEC) No. 2907/74 shall be amended as follows:

1. The information appearing in columns 2,3, 4 and 5 for Order Nos. ICHI and ICH2 in Annex I to the above mentioned Regulation shall be deleted.
2. Annex II of the above mentioned Regulation shall be deleted and replaced by the text appearing in Annex E to this Regulation.

Article 6

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities. It shall be applicable as from 1 May 1975.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President



## ANNEX II

## LIST OF PRODUCTS REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 2

Order No.	CCT heading No.	Description	Nimexe Code
1	2	3	4
II A1	44.18	Reconstituted wood, being wood shavings, wood chips, sawdust, wood flour or other ligneous waste agglomerated with natural or artificial resins or other organic binding substances, in sheets blocks or the like	44.18 - all Nos
	48.01	Paper and paperboard (including cellulose wadding), machine made, in rolls or sheets:  ex E. Other:	
II A2		- Other, excluding cellulose wadding, tissues, fluting paper for corrugated paperboard (a) and sulphite paper for wrapping purposes (a)	48.01-41,43, 45,52,53, 54,55,56, 77,82,84, 86,88,91, 93,95,97
	56.01	Man-made fibres (discontinuous), not carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning:	
II A3		B. Regenerated textile fibres	56.01-21,23, 25,29
	73.02	Ferro-alloys:  ex G. Other:	
II A4		- Ferro-vanadium	73.02-83
	73.15	Alloy steel and high-carbon steel in the forms mentioned in: heading Nos 73.06 to 73.14	

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1	2	3	4
II A5	73.15 (contd)	A. High carbon steel	73.61-10,20, 50,90 73.62-10,30 73.63-10,21, 29,50,72, 74,79 73.64-20,50, 72,75,79, 90 73.65-21,23, 25,53,55, 70,81,83 73.66-40,81, 86,89
		B. Alloy steel:	
II A6		- Stainless or refractory (1) (a)	73.71-13,23, 53,93 73.72-13,33 73.73-13,23, 33,43,53, 83, 73.74-23,53, 83 73.75-23,33, 43,53,63, 73,83,93, 73.76-13
	76.01	Unwrought aluminium; aluminium waste and scrap:	
II A7		A. Unwrought	76.01-11,15

(a) Subject to compliance with the definitions in this regulation

(1) Including products covered by the ECSC Treaty.

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1	2	3	4
II P 1	45.04	Agglomerated cork (being cork agglomerated with or without a binding substance) and articles of agglomerated cork	45.04-all Nos
II P 2	56.05	Yarn of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste), not put up for retail sale	56.05-all Nos
II P 3	57.10	Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres of heading No. 57.03	57.10-all Nos
II P 4	62.02	Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen; curtains and other furnishing articles	62.02-all Nos

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II S I	44.15	Plywood, blockboard, laminboard, battenboard and similar laminated wood products (including veneered panels and sheets); inlaid wood and wood marquetry	44.15-all Nos
II S 2	44.18	Reconstituted wood, being wood shavings, wood chips, sawdust, wood flour or other ligneous waste agglomerated with natural or artificial resins or other organic binding substances, in sheets, blocks or the like	44.18-all Nos
	48.01	Paper and paperboard (including cellulose wadding), machine-made, in rolls or sheets:	
		ex E. Other:	
II S 3		-Sulphite paper for wrapping purposes (a)	48.01-71,73
II S 4	48.03	Parchment or greaseproof paper and paperboard, and imitations thereof, and glazed transparent paper, in rolls or sheets	48.03-all Nos
II S 5	48.09	Building board of wood or vegetable fibre, whether or not bonded with natural or artificial resins or with similar binders	48.09-all Nos

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	73.02	Ferro-alloys	
II S 6	(	A. Ferro-manganese	)
		II. Other	73.03-19, 40
	(	D. Ferro-silico-manganese	)
II S 7		C. Ferro-silicon	73.02-30
		G. Other:	
II S 8		- Ferro-vanadium	73.02-83
II S 9		- Other excluding Ferro-molybdenum and Ferro-vanadium	73.02-60, 70, 98
	73.15	Alloy steel and high carbon steel in the forms mentioned in heading Nos 73.06 to 73.14:	
II S 10		A. High carbon steel (1)	73.61-10, 20, 50, 90 73.62-10, 30 73.63-10, 21, 29, 50, 72, 74, 79 73.64-20, 50, 72, 75, 79, 90 73.65-21, 23, 25, 53, 55, 70, 81, 83 73.66-40, 81, 86, 89
	73.18	Tubes and pipes and blanks thereof, of iron (other than of cast iron) or steel, excluding high-pressure hydro-electric conduits:	
II S 11	(	B. Straight and of uniform wall-thickness, other than those falling in A above, of a maximum length of 4.50 m, of alloy steel containing by weight not less than 0.90% but not more than 1.15% of carbon, not less than 0.50% but not more than 2% of chromium and not more than 0.50% of molybdenum	73.18-15

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	( 73.18 (contd)	ex C Other:	
II S 11 (contd)	{	-Tubes and pipes, straight, and of uniform wall-thickness, other than those falling in A above, of a length of more than 4.50 m, of alloy steel containing by weight not less than 0.90% but not more than 1.15% of carbon, not less than 0.50% but not more than 2% of chromium and not more than 0.50% of molybdenum	73.18-21
	76.01	Unwrought aluminium; aluminium waste and scrap:	
II S 12	A. Unwrought		76.01-11, 15
	81.04	Other base metals, unwrought or wrought, and articles thereof; cermets, unwrought or wrought, and articles thereof:	
		K. Titanium:	
II S 13	1. Unwrought, waste and scrap		81.04-56

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II CH 3		C. Ferro-silicon	73.02-30
	76.01	Unwrought aluminium, aluminium waste and scrap:	
II CH 4		A. Unwrought	76.01-11,15